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1. WE SAW SOARES OFF AT AIRPORT ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK AS LEADER GRANTEE. SOARES REMARKED THAT HE FELT SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE HAD BEEN USEFUL BUT WAS MUCH TOO SHORT.

2. SOARES THOUGHT THAT MITTERAND'S INTERVENTION ON COOPERATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTIES DID NOT SEEM TO BE APPRECIATED BY MANY DELEGATES. ONE OF THE YOUNGER PORTUGUESE DELEGATES ELABORATED ON THIS BY SAYING THAT MITTERAND'S ARGUMENT THAT FRENCH COMMUNIST PARY WAS A NATIONAL PARTY WITH WHICH SOCIALIST COULD COOPERATE WAS RATHER THIN AND HAD NOT APPEARED TO CONVINCE MANY DELEGATES. HE ADDED ALSO THAT THE MITTERAND ARGUMENT THAT THE SOCIALISTS COULD CONTROL A COALITION BECAUSE THEY WERE THE LARGER PARTY WAS EQUALLY UNCONVINCING, AS THE PORTUGUESE KNEW ALL TOO WELL. THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATE THOUGHT IT WAS TOO BAD THAT SOARES HAD TO LEAVE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT COOPERATION BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES.

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